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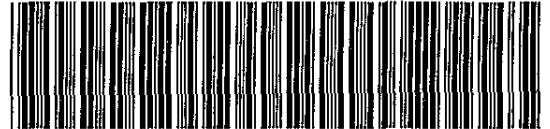
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State  
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SUBJECT: TITLE LIVING WORD CHURCH OF ST. PETERSBURG  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: JAMES CATER  
Name (Printed or typed)

4061 58th AVE N. LOT 114  
Address

ST PETERSBURG FL 33714  
City, State & Zip

(727) 527-3629  
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Glenda E. Hood  
Secretary of State

July 19, 2004

JAMES CATER  
4061 58TH AVE N LOT 114  
ST PETERSBURG, FL 33714

SUBJECT: THE LIVING WORD CHURCH OF ST PETERSBURG, INC.  
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We have received your document for THE LIVING WORD CHURCH OF ST PETERSBURG, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The document must contain a registered agent with a Florida street address and a signed statement of acceptance. (i.e. I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent.)

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE LIVING WORD CHURCH OF ST. PETERSBURG, INC.

The undersigned hereby associate themselves for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and certify as follows:

ARTICLE I:  
NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation shall be THE LIVING WORD CHURCH OF ST. PETERSBURG, INC.

ARTICLE II.  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation shall be at 6785 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33709. The principal office of the corporation may be changed from time to time as shall be prescribed in the By-laws.

ARTICLE III.  
PURPOSES AND POWERS

- A. General Purposes: The general purposes for which the corporation is organized and the nature of the activities to be conducted and carried on by this corporation shall be as follows:
1. This corporation shall have as its objectives and purposes the dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the word of God through the establishment and operation of a church or churches, a school or schools for such purposes, the supplying of ministers, teachers, and persons knowledgeable in the gospel and the ministry thereof, the ordination of ministers, the establishment or use of radio broadcasting, television broadcasting, and other electronic methods, the printing and publication of recordings, books, other types of literature, video, and aural tape and other recordings, the appointment and support of missionaries and the establishment of missions, and by the holding and conducting of seminars, study groups, workshops, and general meetings.
  2. This corporation shall also have as its objective and purposes the dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the word of God in the rehabilitation of persons who are or may become addicted to habit forming drugs or alcohol, persons involved in criminal actions or immoral actions or wrongful actions, domestic and marital problems, persons who are derelicts or runaways, and persons in need of help and assistance of any type, which the objectives and purposes shall be accomplished by Christian counseling and ministry, the providing of temporary shelter and lodging, the providing of temporary food and clothing, the providing of temporary financial assistance and transportation, and the providing of assistance in securing employment and permanent lodging support and maintenance.
- B. Powers and Limitations: This corporation shall have all the powers authorized by law, except as specifically limited, prohibited, modified or enlarged in lawful manner by these Articles of Incorporation or by the By-Laws of the corporation, and in particular, the corporation is authorized or restricted as follows with any stated authority being subject to stated restrictions and limitations:

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- indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof.
16. Lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as a security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
  17. Make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, educational or other similar purposes.
  18. Have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to affect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized.

#### ARTICLE IV. ELDERS AND OFFICERS

- A. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Elders, which shall consist of not less than three (3) members nor more than nine (9) member, as may be determined by the By-Laws and the By-Laws may permit determination of such number by the membership at each annual meeting or an increase at any meeting, and in absence of such determination the Board of Elders shall be refer to as Elders.
- B. The initial officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and the By-Laws may from time to time provide for the shall serve the corporation and may establish other corporate officers and may prescribe the method of selection or election of all the officers and may prescribe their duties; provided that there shall always be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Any one person may hold more than one office, except that no person shall hold at the same time offices which exercise the duties and power of President and of Secretary.
- C. The name and post office addresses of the first Board of Elders and the First officers are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
JAMES L. CATER	4061 58 <sup>TH</sup> Avenue N. lot 114 St. Petersburg, Florida 33714	Senior Pastor, President, and Elder
DAVID "ERIC" DWINELL	3835 18 <sup>TH</sup> Street N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33714	Associate Pastor, Vice President, and Elder
LORINNE DWINELL	3835 18 <sup>TH</sup> Street N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33714	Treasurer and Elder
RUTH T. BUTLER	4625 20 <sup>TH</sup> Avenues N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33713	Secretary and Elder

- D. The Elders shall be elected by the membership at its annual meeting, and the officers of the corporation shall be elected by the Elders at the annual meeting of the Elders held following the annual meeting of the membership. The By-Laws may provide for the filling of vacancies on the Board of Elders and in any offices between annual

1. This corporation shall engage only in such activities as are permitted to corporations whose income is exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States from time to time existing, and similar or substitute sections of said Code. This corporation shall not engage in, nor shall any of its assets or earnings be used or applied to activities which carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, or participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as now existing or as hereafter amended. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any private member.
2. Upon dissolution of this corporation all of its assets remaining after payment of all cost and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organization which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal Government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer, or Trustee of this corporation.
3. This corporation shall be authorized to exercise the powers permitted non-profit corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and any and all other lawful business and non- business activities; provided, however, that this corporation, in exercising any one or more of such powers and activities shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purpose for which it has been organized as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
4. Have succession by its corporate name for the period set forth in its articles of incorporation.
5. Sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
6. Adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same; provided, however, that such seal shall always contain the words "corporation not for profit" or "non-profit corporation" or "church".
7. Elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require and allow them reasonable compensation.
8. Adopt, change, amend and repeal by-laws not inconsistent with law or its articles of incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers.
9. Increase, by a vote of its members cast as the by-laws may direct, the number of directors, managers or trustees so that the number shall not be less than three but may be any number in excess thereof.
10. Make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchise or income.
11. Conduct its affairs, exercise its powers, carry on its non-business and business activities, carry on its operations, and have one or more offices, all in the State of Florida and in all other states of the United States and in all territories and countries of the world.
12. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
13. Acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights and trademarks and any licenses and other rights or interests there under or therein.
14. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or part of its property and assets.
15. Purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interest in, or obligation of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or

elections. The above named officers and Elders shall serve until the first election of Elders and officers at the first annual meeting of the membership and of the Elders. The By-Laws may provide for the number of members and the number of Elders to constitute a quorum of the respective meetings. Each member and each Elder shall have one vote on all matters in their respective meetings. The By-Laws may provide for the number of votes required for any action by the membership or by the Elders, and the By-Laws may provide for a requirement of unanimous vote of the membership or of the Elders, or both on any action.

#### ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

The qualifications of members of this corporation and the manner of their admission shall be as follows:

- A. Members shall be adults who accept, believe in, and rely on Jesus Christ for their salvation, and believe that the Holy Bible is the Infallible word of God. Other qualifications may be prescribed in the By-Laws of the corporation.
- B. The original members of the corporation shall be those persons who are subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation. New members may be admitted and old members may be dismissed, without cause, upon vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the members at any regular or special meeting of the membership.
- C. Meeting shall be held annually at such place and at such time and date, as the By-Laws shall direct.

#### ARTICLE VI. EXISTENCE AND DISSOLUTION

- A. This corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved by law or dissolved pursuant to law upon vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any regularly called meeting.
- B. Upon any dissolution of the corporation, the membership by a majority vote shall provide for the distribution of the remaining assets of the corporation in accordance with paragraph B 2, of Article III, above.

#### ARTICLE VII. SUBSCRIBERS

The persons signing these Articles of Incorporation as subscribers are all natural person competent to contract, and the name and post office address of each subscriber is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
JAMES L. CATER	4061 58 <sup>TH</sup> Avenue N. Lot 114 St. Petersburg, Florida 33714
DAVID"ERIC"DWINELL	3835 18 <sup>TH</sup> Street N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33714
LORINNE DWINELL	3835 18 <sup>TH</sup> Street N. St. Petersburg, Florida 33714

RUTH T. BUTLER

4625 20<sup>TH</sup> Avenue N.  
St. Petersburg Florida 33713

## ARTICLE VIII.

### CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

- A. The following provisions are inserted for the regulation of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the corporation:
1. By-Laws: A code of By-Laws for the government of the corporation shall be adopted, and the initial code of By-Laws shall be adopted by the Board of Elders. The power to alter, amend or repeal the code of By-Laws, or to adopt a new code of By-Laws, shall be reserved to the membership. The code of By-Laws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or with the laws of the State of Florida or of the United States.
  2. Removal and Discharge: All officers, committee members, agents, servants and employees of the corporation may without cause be removed from office, relieved of duties, discharged from employment, or have their authority terminated by the Board of Elders at any meeting and by such vote as shall be set by the By-Laws.
  3. Indemnification: Every elder or officer of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been an Elder or officer of the corporation, or any settlement thereof, whether or not he is an Elder or Officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Elder or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided that in the event of a settlement the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Elders approves such settlement. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Elder or Officer may be entitled.
  4. Organizational Meeting: The organizational meeting of the Board of Elders may be called by any officer, Elder, or subscriber to these Articles upon written notice to Elders, which notice shall be mailed not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the said organizational meeting. Notice of such meeting may be waived in writing either before or after the meeting. Any Elder who fails to attend the organizational meeting after notice may be removed from office at said meeting by majority vote of the Elders present with or without a quorum, and the vacancy created may be filled by appointment by the remaining Elders at said meeting.
  5. Election and Removal of Elders: The Elders of the corporation shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting, and shall serve until the next annual meeting and thereafter until removed from office as herein provided or until a successor is duly elected. The election shall be by ballot on nominees for each vacancy to be filled. Elders may be removed from offices without cause by a majority vote of the membership at any meeting of the membership, and such



Removal shall create a vacancy which may be filled by election by the membership at the same meeting or if not so filled than as the By-Laws shall provide.

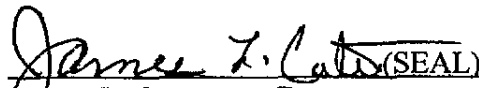
6. Resignations of Members, Elders, and Officers: Any Member, Elder, or Officer of the corporation at its principal place of business and such resignation shall be effective upon receipt thereof by the corporation or at any subsequent time specified in the written notice of resignation.


## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDEMENT

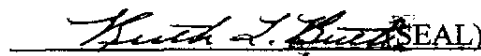
These articles of Incorporation may be amended in any respect, provided that only such provisions shall be inserted by amendment as would be lawful and proper in the original Articles of Incorporation. Every amendment shall be approved by the majority vote of the Board of Elders, proposed by them to the membership and approved by a majority vote of the membership. A copy of the amendment under certificate of its approval by the Elders and membership, sealed with the corporate seal and signed and acknowledged by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary and the President or Vice President before an officer authorized to take acknowledgements shall be prepared and filed with the Secretary of State, and such amendment shall become effective upon such filing, payment of all fees and filing taxes and approval thereof by the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the original subscribers to the Articles of Incorporation hereinabove named, for the purpose of forming a corporation herein named, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit to the laws of the State of Florida, do make and file these Articles of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts herein stated are true and accordingly have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

 (SEAL)  
James L. Cater

 (SEAL)  
David E. Dwinell

 (SEAL)  
Lorinne A. Dwinell

 (SEAL)  
Ruth T. Butler

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

On this day, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared James L. Cater, to be known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he subscribed and executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Pinellas County, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2004.

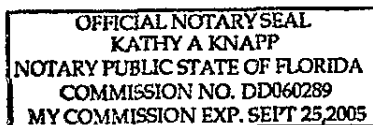
Kathy A Knapp  
Notary Public

(Impression Seal)

My Commission Expires:

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COUNTY OF PINELLAS



On this day, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared David E. Dwinell, to be known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he subscribed and executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Pinellas County, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2004.

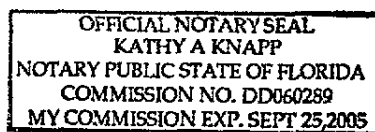
Kathy A Knapp  
Notary Public

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On this day, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared Lorinne A. Dwinell, to be known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he subscribed and executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Pinellas County, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2004.

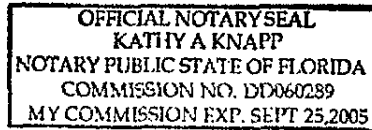
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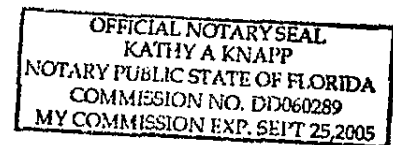
On this day, before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared Ruth T. Butler, to be known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he subscribed and executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Pinellas County, Florida, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2004.

*Kathy A Knapp*  
Notary Public

(Impression Seal)

My Commission Expires:



To whom it may concern.

July 22, 04

I hereby am familiar with  
and accept the duties and  
responsibilities of registered agent.

JAMES L. CATER

4061 58<sup>TH</sup> Avenue N. lot 114  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33714

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